

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Abstract of the disclosure as follows:

The present invention provides a carrier ~~Carrier~~ based on granules produced from pyrogenically prepared silicon dioxides. The granules act as a carrier wherein at least one substance is adsorbed onto a surface of the carrier selected from the group consisting of a food stuff additive, a chemical intermediate and a plant protection agent. ~~The use of granules produced from pyrogenically prepared silicon dioxides as carriers for substances including foodstuffs additives, such as dyestuffs, antioxidants, preservatives, emulsifiers, gelling agents, thickeners and binders, stabilizers, alkalis, acids, salts, antilumping agents, flavour intensifiers, sweeteners, aromas, feedstuff additives, chemical intermediates and plant protection agents.~~